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NEWS OF THE WEEK

DOINGS OF SEVEN DAYS

Interesting Items Gathered From All Parts of the World Condensed Into Small Space for the Benefit of Our Readers.

Washington.

Illegal trafficking, the country over, in stolen postage stamps aggregating several millions of dollars annually has just been disclosed by postoffice inspectors whose investigations have been reported to the Postmaster General. They involved so-called stamp brokers and confidential employees of large business concerns throughout the United States.

The private physician of William Rockefeller went before the House Money Trust committee and told them that his patient was in no condition to testify before them.

The government bureau of engraving and printing is turning out parcels post stamps at the rate of twelve millions a day, and can scarcely keep up with the demand.

For the sixth time the senate has refused to confirm any of 1,500 appointments of President Taft now pending before them.

The House Indian Affairs committee has completed its investigation of the controversy over the Osage Indian oil leases to the Uncle Sam Oil Company. Secretary Fisher holds that the leases did not pay the Indians enough royalty.

Domestic Items.

With simple but impressive ceremonies the body of John Paul Jones, first admiral of the American navy, was recently placed in the new crypt under the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.

After Nick Stifner walked into a farm house near Olathe, Kan., and asked one of the inmates to shoot him, he was judged insane by the Johnson county probate court.

Mrs. Mary J. Silvers, 70 years old, was arrested recently at Fallis, Ok., on a charge of selling whisky in violation of the state prohibition law.

A fire which started in the basement of the Paxton hotel annex at Omaha threatened to destroy the six-story hotel building and caused a panic among the guests, nearly forty of whom were removed from the structure by means of aerial ladders manned by firemen.

The New York stock exchange has filed a brief with the House Money Trust committee, in which it seeks to show that the federal government has no power to control its business. The brief states that the exchange is amenable to state laws only, and that only to a limited extent.

The evidence produced by the state before the Kansas Public Utilities Commission in a hearing at Topeka showed that it cost the Kansas Natural Gas company 11 1/2 cents a thousand cubic feet to furnish gas to the cities of Kansas and Missouri. The report also showed that more than \$1,000,000 had been paid in dividends to R. A. Long and R. M. Snyder of Kansas City.

Bandits robbed the bank at Mounds, Ok., locked the cashier in the vault and made their escape with \$3,500 in currency and silver.

One fireman was drowned and ten others were overcome by chemical fumes and smoke while fighting a fire in a St. Louis business building.

A gap 400 feet wide has opened in the levee at Big Lake and water is pouring into Mississippi county, Mo., through the Fish Lake basin.

Six lives were lost recently in a storm on Prince William Sound, Alaska.

The executive council of the Modern Woodmen of America have decided not to put the new and higher rates into force, but to leave the matter for the next head camp to settle. The decision of the suits now pending will have no effect on the question.

Oliver Kelley, in whose home the foundation for farmers' grange movement was laid, is dead in Washington. He was 87 years old.

The city council of Grand Rapids, Mich., has voted to establish a municipal coal yard in order to fight the local coal trust.

The Indians of the Osage Nation, at a tribal meeting in Pawhuska, repudiated the proposed scheme to grant a blanket lease to 800,000 acres of oil and gas lands owned by the tribe and by practically a unanimous vote sustained the position of secretary Fisher.

In order to conform to a new city ordinance, the school board of Des Moines, Ia., was compelled to purchase a set of towels for each individual pupil.

Four men were killed in an explosion of Equitable Powder company's plant in Fort Smith, Ark.

A farmer near Pittsburg, Kan., recently sold seven hogs for a total of \$172.65.

The directors of a bank at Orange, Connecticut, have ordered that a savings bankbook showing a deposit of one dollar be presented to each baby born in the town during 1913.

William McClure is dead at Springfield, Mo., from a blow on the head received in a fight. All the boys engaged in the fight are under 20 years of age.

The Kansas legislature has forwarded by telegraph to President-elect Wilson a request that a special session of congress be called as soon as possible after his inauguration for the purpose of lowering the tariff on necessities.

A series of demonstrations and disturbances occurred in the hotel and restaurant district of New York when thousands of striking waiters overran the principal streets and engaged in severe rioting. The police reserves had to be called out to quell the rioters.

Clarence Moss, 18 years old, of Hot Springs, Ark., after lighting a cigarette, threw the burning match near a gasoline tank. An explosion followed and the boy was burned to death.

Charles Hains, 20 years old, while trying to replace a belt on a pulley wheel at Bluff City, Kan., caught his arm in the wheel and it was torn off at the elbow.

Dick Stanley, a 16-year-old negro, who was charged with an attack on a 4-year-old white girl near Fairlight, Tex., was hanged by a mob of angry citizens.

Eight persons were killed and fifteen injured at McKinney, Texas, when the walls of a crowded department store collapsed burying the shoppers and employees in the wreckage. Fire broke out in the ruins and hindered the work of the rescuers who were working in relays. Eight bodies were recovered.

J. A. Schmitt, postmaster at Ellsworth, Kan., committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid when a post-office inspector appeared to go over his accounts with the government.

While the marriage ceremony of Miss Helen Gould was taking place at Tarrytown, N. Y., 1,000 hungry men were being fed at the bride's expense in the Bowery mission in New York City.

Ten persons were injured in Pittsburg, Pa., when a railroad locomotive left the tracks, jumped a stone wall and fell on a house 20 feet below.

The postmaster at Elgin, Ill., has received a letter from an Illinois woman inquiring what the rate would be to ship herself to Washington by parcel post.

Foreign Affairs.

A. J. Matheson, treasurer of the province of Ontario, died suddenly at his home in Perth the other day.

Rebels have cut the Mexican Central railway a few miles south of El Paso, Tex.

An attempt was made to assassinate Archduke Louis Salvator of Tuscany by a workman on his estate in the Balearic Islands.

The new Turkish cabinet has decided to recall the Ottoman peace plenipotentiaries from the London conference. The Young Turks are determined to carry on the war.

Three hundred and fifty Mohammedan pilgrims were drowned in a flood while on their way to Mecca.

Nazim Pasha, former minister of war and commander of the Turkish army, was shot and killed by Enver Bey and Talaat Bey conspicuous members of the Young Turk party during a demonstration in front of the Porte preceding the resignation of the cabinet. An aide-de-camp fired at the two men from a window. The fire was returned killing the minister.

The Turks have agreed to the demand of the powers that Adrianople be ceded to the Balkan allies. The question of indemnity is the only thing that now stands in the way of permanent peace in the near East.

The volcano at Colima, Mexico, was reported in violent eruption recently, and the inhabitants were forced to flee to escape death by strangulation. Hundreds of cattle and other animals were killed by poisonous gases.

Admiral von Hellmann, Imperial minister of marine of Germany from 1899 to 1897, is dead in Berlin.

Personal.

John D. Rockefeller has issued a statement explaining the plans and aims of the Bureau of Social Hygiene of which he is a prominent member.

Sylvester Clark Smith of Bakersfield, member of Congress from the Eighth California district, is dead at Los Angeles after a long illness.

Dr. Alvah H. Doty, formerly health officer for the port of New York, has been appointed medical director of the employees' benefit fund committee of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, the Western Union Telegraph Company, and the Western Electric Company in connection with the administration of the new pension and sick benefit plan for employees of these allied concerns.

Julia Marlowe, the Shakespearean actress, was stricken by ptomaine poisoning while in St. Louis and was compelled to cancel some of her theatrical engagements. Her husband, E. H. Sothern, will continue the tour with another actress as leading lady.

Ex-Gov. James H. Brady has been elected United States senator by the legislature of Idaho. He is a native of Johnson county, Kan.

Senator Knute Nelson has been re-elected to the United States Senate by the Minnesota legislature.

President-Elect Wilson has announced that he will not resign as governor of New Jersey until March 3.

Walter Johnson, a newspaper man formerly of Topeka, and Kansas City has purchased a controlling interest in the Hutchinson Gazette, a morning paper, and will act as its business manager.

STATE ASSEMBLY HAPPENINGS

BUSINESS IS IN FULL SWING AT JEFFERSON CITY.

Both Branches of State Legislature Get Down to Business—Many Bills Introduced.

Jefferson City.—More jobs, more jobs, is the refrain of a heap of bills that have poured in upon the House and Senate, most of them carrying with them corrupt salaries. The number of new positions the legislature is asked to create for the taxpayers of Missouri is amazing even the House and Senate leaders.

The proposed new state jobs range everywhere from a state inspector of automatic couplers, who shall receive a salary of \$2,000 a year and \$1,000 for traveling expenses, to the members of the proposed public service utilities board.

Some of the new positions bills introduced in the House and Senate propose to create are:

State inspector of automatic couplers, \$2,000 a year.

Secretary of the state poultry commission, \$2,000 a year.

State dairy commissioner, \$3,000 a year. Two assistants at \$1,500 a year.

State board of pardons, three members to receive \$3,000 a year.

Three members of public service commission, \$5,500 a year. An attorney, \$4,500 a year; a secretary, \$3,600 a year.

State auditing board of unlimited numbers to receive \$7,500 a year, the state auditor to appoint all assistants necessary.

Panama-Pacific Exposition commission, five members, to receive \$5 a day.

Two additional clerks in the secretary of state's office to handle motor car licenses at \$1,500 a year.

Several additional corporation tax clerks for secretary of state's office at \$1,500 a year.

Increase of salary for state bee inspector or apiarist, as the lawmakers call it, of \$300 a year.

State fire marshal, \$3,500 a year, and two assistants at \$2,500 a year.

State textbook commission of five, expenses and \$5 per day.

State medical supervisor, \$7,500 a year.

Members of state electrical board, five, to receive \$10 a day and expenses.

State highway commissioner, \$3,500 a year, and two assistants at \$2,500 a year.

State immigration commissioner at \$2,500 a year and an immigration commissioner at \$1,800 a year.

Secretary of state optometrical board, \$5 a day and expenses.

State drainage department, secretary, \$3,000 a year.

State education commission, expenses for investigating trips.

Those are just some of the jobs and salaries specified in some of the more important measures. Most of these bills give the new commissions created authority to hire all the clerks and stenographers they need.

Jefferson City.—Cain of Stoddard introduced a bill in the senate making some important changes in the dramshop laws as applicable to cities of 50,000 inhabitants and more. It provides that if a majority of the residents of any voting precinct petition against the location of a dramshop in such precinct no license shall be issued for a period of four years and then only in the event a majority of the residents sign a petition therefor.

Jefferson City.—Both senate and house adjourned Friday until Monday afternoon. The house held two sessions that it might catch up with routine business, but the senate was through in an hour.

Senator Greene of Kansas City introduced by request, a bill regulating marriages in this state. The measure was drawn by Roy Smith of Kansas City, and requires applicants for license to marry to give three days' notice of such application and that the parties contemplating matrimony must have the certificate of a physician.

One of the most important bills of the session, introduced by Senator Craig, prohibits the substitution of any material for leather in the manufacture of boots and shoes unless the same is labeled and stamped as an imitation. It provides severe fines and other penalties for violations of the proposed law.

After a party caucus lasting more than an hour the Democratic senators decided to return all of Governor Hadley's recess appointments to Governor Major. A resolution to that effect was offered in the senate by Senator Casey of Kansas City and carried by a strict party vote. There are forty-seven such appointments, among them being the following: E.

Senator Beavens is the author of a bill empowering the governor in the event of disability, through sickness or otherwise, of a judge of the supreme court or of an appellate court, to appoint judges to sit and do the work of the disabled judge.

The house committee on fire insurance agreed to report favorably on Representative Orr's bill repealing the present fire insurance rating law. This law was passed two years ago and has been in controversy ever since.

C. Meservy, police commissioner of Kansas City; Walter A. Evans of Kansas City, state inspector of oil; William Wilder of St. Louis, state beer inspector, and Austin W. Biggs of St. Louis, state labor commissioner. For the most part the other appointees are members of the boards of the various institutions.

A state stock yards inspector with headquarters at Kansas City is provided for in a bill introduced by Representative Floyd Taggels of Daviess county. The bill provided for a deputy inspector at each other stock yards in the state. The inspector is to receive \$2,400 a year and the deputies \$2,000 a year. A second bill provides that each commission merchant must take out a state license, the money to be used to pay the expenses of the state stock yards inspection department. The proposed schedule of annual licenses is as follows: To sell cattle, \$12; hogs, \$10; sheep, \$8, and horses, \$10.

Senator Hawkins introduced a bill authorizing the state to expend \$50,000 in the construction of levees on the St. Francis and Black rivers, in the counties of Ripley, Butler, Stoddard, New Madrid, Pemiscot and Dunklin. The money to be expended under direction of a commission of six members appointed by the governor.

Senator Hawkins also wants to raise the population limit of cities to vote with the rest of the county on local option propositions from 2,500 to 5,000.

Carter introduced an important bill in the senate which provides for a special tax of 4 cents on each \$100 in the sale of stocks, bonds, etc., to go into the good roads fund. The office of inspector in charge at a salary of \$1,000 per year is created by the bill. It is estimated that it will bring in about \$200,000 per annum. This is entirely independent of the "option stamp" tax. The bill is modeled after the law now in force in the state of New York.

Senator Baldwin wants an investigation of the state poultry board and presented a senate resolution calling for the same. He said the board had an appropriation of \$10,000 for 1911 and 1912 and he with others interested in the poultry industry, were not satisfied with the way it was expended. He says he believes the American Poultry association, which has headquarters in Connecticut, has been getting most of the money.

Only twenty-four bills were introduced in the house Tuesday. Among these was one by Moore of Barton, levying an income tax of 2 per cent on all incomes over \$5,000. The administration immigration bill providing for the appointment of a commissioner at \$2,000 per year and a deputy commissioner at \$1,800 per year, by the governor, was also introduced in the house and the senate.

Administration bills introduced into both houses of the legislature provide a state highway department and a state board of parole. The former bill provides for a commissioner at a salary of \$3,000 and two assistants at \$2,500 each. The board of parole is to be composed of three members at \$3,000 each.

Senator Hawkins of Dunklin introduced a bill to rearrange the legislative districts. It cuts one state senator off from St. Louis and adds one to Jackson county. The house is to be composed of 146 members. Kansas City gains two members of the house. St. Louis county one and the city of St. Louis two.

Senator Hawkins of Dunklin presented a bill adding the month of January to the open season for killing quail, and permitting hunters to sell or give away game in the county where legally killed.

A bill introduced by Representative Watson of Ralls requires all notes registered with the assessor for taxation and provides that notes the owner fails to so register are void and cannot be collected.

Representative Richter of Greene introduced a bill prohibiting common law marriage, and providing for the legitimizing of children of such marriages contracted should it become a law.

Representative Fulbright of Ripley introduced a bill changing the present game law that residents may hunt in their home county without license.

A resolution submitting an amendment to the constitution providing registration of voters in each county was submitted by Representative Hodgdon of St. Louis.

Representative Asbury of Cooper wants the rudiments of road building taught children in public schools and introduced a bill to that effect.

The house has passed its first bill. Speaker Hull was the author. It amended the present motor car law by providing for an additional clerk with a salary of \$1,800 a year in the secretary of state's office to help with the licenses. It also provides \$500 fine for any person to take a motor car without leave for a "joy ride."

The house committee has reported the bill prohibiting free lunches in saloons with a recommendation that it pass.

KANSAS YOUTHS PLAY AT CRIME

Two Boys and Two Girls Accused of Robbing a Store at Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Kan.—In the county jail at Girard are two boys, Paul Twist, 20 years old, and Asa Thomas, 17 years old. In Pittsburg, defendant to ward officers and parents, are two girls, Maude Reesely and Nettie Thomas, both 14 years old. This mixed quartet comprised a band of youthful bandits who started out on a career of crime a few days ago. A few nights ago a hardware store was roused of several revolvers. The quartet did it.

While the boys were inside the two girls stood guard on the outside to give warning. The four left Pittsburg and went to Webb City, where the Reesely girl and the Thomas boy planned to be married. They were refused a wedding license and arrested, and after their identity had been established, a constable started for Pittsburg with them on order of parents of the girls.

On the way the boys escaped. Thomas went to Fredonia and Twist slipped back to Pittsburg. Then the girls told the robbery story and the boys were arrested. Thomas put up a fight and a gun and ammunition were taken from him. They pleaded guilty to the burglary charge and were bound over. No complaint has been made against the girls. However, they are obdurate and refuse to promise to reform.

SUGAR MEN MUST GO TO PRISON

The Federal Supreme Court Affirmed the Sentence of Charles R. Heike.

Washington.—The conviction of Charles R. Heike, formerly secretary of the American Sugar Refining Company, for complicity in the sugar weighing frauds against the government in 1907, was affirmed by the supreme court. He was sentenced to eighteen months in prison and a fine of \$5,000.

A strict interpretation of the immunity statute covering testimony for the government's trust-busting and interstate commerce cases was made in the court's decision.

The conviction of Heike was the outcome of a series of proceedings growing out of the sugar weighing frauds, in which the company was required to pay to the government more than 2 million dollars. The government claimed that Heike, as secretary and treasurer, could not have possibly been ignorant of the frauds.

RECOGNIZED THE NEW PARTY

Missouri Governor to Name Progressives to Election Boards of the Cities.

Jefferson City.—The progressive party has been officially recognized by Governor Major as one of the leading parties of Missouri. It is to be given equal representation with the Republican party on all the non-partisan boards of the state.

That will include the election boards of Kansas City and St. Louis and will carry with it the representation of the Progressive party at the polling places with judges and clerks of election.

Governor Major made the announcement in connection with the appointment of the two remaining members of the St. Louis election board, Oscar B. Butler, a Republican, was named as a third member of that board, two Democrats already having been named.

Moros Kill Seven Soldiers.

Washington.—War Department dispatches confirming the reported killing of Captain McNally at Taglitisi in an engagement between Moros and a detachment of Philippine scouts and constabulary, says the six enlisted men of the scouts who were killed were Filipinos, and that eight enlisted men were wounded.

The Kaiser's Son Fluked.

Berlin.—The Kaiser again has exercised his paternal discipline. He has forbidden his son, Prince Joachim, to come to Berlin because he has been less studious than his father desired and failed to satisfy the professors at Heidelberg university.

Died at Her Brothers' Trial.

Chicago, Ill.—Nellie Rice, a young girl who recently attracted much attention to the federal court while her father, James H. Rice, was being convicted of counterfeiting, died as her four brothers were being tried on the same charge.

A Kentucky Politician Murdered.

Cynthiana, Ky.—Attorney Harry L. Bailey, Republican nominee for Congress from the Ninth district of Kentucky in the last election, was shot and killed here by Newton Arnold.

Flier Killed Dodging Wires.

Aix-La-Chapelle, Rhenish Prussia.—The German aviator, Huell, was killed here while making a flight. He elevated his planes suddenly to avoid telegraph wires and fell out of his seat from a height of about thirty feet. His skull was fractured.

Rowland Buckstone Stricken.

St. Louis, Mo.—Rowland Buckstone, most famous actor of Shakespearean low comedy roles, is a patient at St. John's hospital here and physicians declare he is fatally stricken.

THE BANKS OF CANADA

The closing of the year 1912 has brought out the usual bank statements accompanied by the addresses of the Presidents and General Managers of these institutions. Their reading is interesting as they show in a striking manner the prosperity of the country, and deal with economic matters in a first hand way. Those who know anything of Canadian banking methods know the stability of these institutions, and the high character of the men who are placed in charge. In discussing the land situation the President of the Union Bank of Canada, whose branches are to be found in all parts of the Canadian West, said:—

"A good deal has been said about speculation in land. The increase in land values has added enormously to the assets of Western business, and has to some extent formed a basis for extended credit, but this is not felt to be a drawback when the value is real and convertible. We consider that a business standing which is strengthened and enhanced by property holdings is entitled to a reasonable enlargement of credit for legitimate business operations."

It will thus be seen that the banks recognize the certain rise in the value of farm lands in Western Canada. When the facts are known of the wonderful producing qualities of farm lands in the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, it is simple to understand the liberal stand taken by the banks.

Living not far from Lashburn, Sask., is a farmer named Clarke who in 1912 secured a crop of Marquis Wheat, yielding 76 bushels per acre. This is spoken of as a record yield, and this is doubtless true, but several cases have been brought to notice where yields almost as large have been produced, and in different parts of the country. During the past year there have been reported many yields of from 35 to 45 bushels of wheat to the acre. Oats, too, were a successful crop, and so was the barley crop. Wheat that would yield 40 bushels per acre, would bring on the market 70c (a fair figure) per bushel, a gross return of \$28.00 per acre. Allow \$12.00 per acre (an outside figure) there would be a balance of \$16.00 per acre net profit. This figure should satisfy anyone having land that cost less than \$100.00 per acre. Very much less return than this proves satisfactory to those holding lands in Iowa and Illinois worth from \$250 to \$300 per acre.

The latest Government returns give an approximate estimate of four hundred thousand of an immigration to Canada during 1912. Of this number 200,000 will be from the United States. Most of these are of the farming class and it is not difficult to understand why farming lands in Canada will advance from ten to twenty per cent within the next twelve months. Therefore investment in Western Canadian lands is not looked upon as being in the speculative class. Those fortunate enough to secure free homesteads in Canada will acquire in the intrinsic value of the land alone the best possible start for a splendid future. Advertisement.

Shopping Instinct.

A rural postmaster tells this story of one of the patrons of his office, a boy of thirty, not to say penurious, stock. When the lad comes into the postoffice he will thrust his wizened face up close to the window and, in his slow, Yankee drawl, inquire most earnestly:

"Hev y' got any postal cards?"

"Yes," the postmaster replies.

"How much be they t'day?"

"A cent apiece."

Then the boy, screwing up his eyes in the intensity of his thought over the question he has to decide, always stops for a while to weigh the consequences. Finally, he will reply solemnly:

"Wal, I'll take one."—Youth's Companion.

Neat Differentiation.

Senator Lodge, at a dinner in the Back Bay district of Boston indicated very neatly the difference between a statesman and a politician.

"A statesman," he said, "thinks of the next generation; a politician of the next election."

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